9 FAM 41.61

PROCEDURAL NOTES

(CT:VISA-2102; 05-06-2014)
(Office of Origin: CA/VO/L/R)

9 FAM 41.61 PN1 LIMITATIONS ON VISA FOR WHICH BOND HAS BEEN REQUIRED

(CT:VISA-1373; 11-09-2009)

Consular officers should limit visas for which a bond has been required and posted to one entry and 6 months validity. This will enable the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to cancel bonds upon request without communicating with the visa-issuing post.

9 FAM 41.61 PN2 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) NOTIFIED WHEN VISA CANCELED

(CT:VISA-2102; 05-06-2014)

In some cases the sponsor may request, prior to the alien's departure, that the alien's visa be canceled in order to withdraw the bond. The consular officer, after physically canceling the visa, should notify by letter the DHS office at which the bond was posted so that the bond may be canceled and the money released. The letter should contain the applicant's full name, date and place of birth, nationality, the amount of the bond, the applicant's "A" serial number (shown on DHS notification of bond posting), and the date on which the visa was actually canceled. *The* consular officer should make the appropriate notation on the Form DS-160*, Online* Nonimmigrant Visa Application to show that the visa was canceled. (See 9 FAM 41.103 N2).